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WHITEFIELD, N.H.

ANNUAL

School Report

Whitefield, New Hampshire

1940

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

-: SCHOOL BOARD :-

..OF..

WHITEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE 30, 1939

Everett L. Proctor, Printer, Whitefield, N. H.

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Whitefield qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the High School Auditorium in said district on the sixteenth day of March, 1940, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said Whitefield this 16th, day of January, 1940.

CHARLES M. CANTON,
ELSIE B. KEIR,
FRANK S. DODGE,
MARIAN C. WEINBERG,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES M. CANTON,
ELSIE B. KEIR,
FRANK S. DODGE,
MARIAN C, WEINBERG,
School Board.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WHITEFIELD
SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1940.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Support of Schools:	**1940-1941**
Teachers' and Principal's salaries	$22,000.00
Text books	400.00
Scholars' supplies	950.00
Flags and appurtenances	10.00
Other expenses of instruction	475.00
Janitor's service	1,250.00
Fuel	1,100.00
Water, light, and janitor's supplies	750.00
Minor repairs	400.00
Health and School Nurse	900.00
Transportation of pupils	3,000.00
Other special activities	300.00
	$31,535.00
Other Statutory Obligations:	
Salaries of District Officers	$ 154.00
Truant officer and school census	20.00
Superintendent's excess salary	606.36
Expense of Administration	400.00
Per Capita Tax	746.00
Payment of principal, new building	5,000.00
Interest on new building	2,240.00
Insurance	260.00
New equipment	200.00
Land and new buildings	100.00
	$ 9,726.36

Total amount to meet School Board's budget	$41,261.36

Estimated Income of the District:

Dog licenses	$ 125.00
Tuitions	800.00
Sale of Property	125.00
Federal Aid	280.00
Estimated Surplus	500.00
	$ 1,830.00
Assessment required to balance School Board's budget	$39,431.36

OFFICERS OF WHITEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Charles Canton,	Term expires 1942
Elsie Keir,	Term expires 1940
Frank S. Dodge,	Term expires 1940
Marion E. Weinberg,	Term expires 1941

DISTRICT TREASURER

Helen B. Smith

AUDITOR

Etta Hennessey

MODERATOR

Howard Crockett

DISTRICT CLERK

Mrs. Jestina W. Aldrich

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. R. N. Jones — Dr. P. B. Weinberg

SCHOOL NURSE

Mary D. Spaulding

TRUANT OFFICERS

James Cleveland — S. B. Moulton

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

W. G. Fuller

Residence Telephone—Lancaster 225

TEACHERS OF WHITEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR 1939-40

Name	Preparation
Mathematics	
John Cotton, A. B.,	New Hampshire University
Ed. M.	Harvard Graduate School
Summer School:	Columbia University
History - Economics	
Bartlett McKinney, B. S.,	New Hampshire University
Summer School:	New Hampshire University
Science	
Carleton Dennett, B. S.,	Haverford
Summer School:	New Hampshire University
Social Science	
Douglas McIntyre, A. B.,	New Hampshire University
Summer School:	New Hampshire University
Latin - French	
Helen Weston, B. S.,	New Hampshire University
Summer School:	New Hampshire University
	Keene Normal
	Columbia
	La Sorbonne, Paris, France
English	
Dorothy Pierce, B. A.,	University of Cincinnati
M. A., Summer School	University of Vermont
Commercial Work	
Letha Nelson, B. E.,	Plymouth Normal School
Domestic Science	
Barbara Carlisle, B. S.,	New Hampshire University
Elementary Teachers	
Marion McLam, Grade VI	Keene Normal School
Grace Newell, Grade V	Gorham Maine Normal
Gertrude Gray, A. B., Grade IV	New Hampshire University
Mary Horan, Grade III	Plymouth Normal Scoool
Eleanor Hunt, Grade II	Keene Normal School
Betty Tufts, B. S., Grade I	New Hampshire University
Gardner Wentworth, Band - Orchestra	Private Instruction
Irva Jones, Vocal Music	Ithaca Conservatory
James Cleveland, Manual Arts	Keene Summer School

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WHITEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1939

REVENUE

Assessment required to meet School Board's March 1938 Budget	$39,160.95	$39,160.95
From Federal Aid, George Dean Act	348.29	348.29
From Sources other than Taxation		
Dog Licenses	$ 156.10	
Elementary School tuition	557.28	
High School tuition	279.05	
Sale of property	628.35	
Other receipts (rebate)	6.30	
Total		1,627.08
Total Revenue		$41,136.32
Cash on hand July 1, 1938		333.79
Grand Total		$41,470.11

EXPENSE AND OUTLAY

Administration:		
Salaries of District Officers		$ 224.00
Superintendent's excess salary		606.36
Truant Officers and school census		25.00
Other Expense of Administration:		
Mrs. Leona Stillings	$ 124.44	
Everett L. Proctor	72.90	
Edgar M. Bowker	3.50	
New England Telephone Company	55.49	
Theresa Crepeau	171.00	
Jestina Aldrich	2.00	
		$ 429.33

Instruction:		
Principal's and teacher's salaries		
High	$ 10,863.39	
Elementary	9,851.39	
		$20,714.78
Text Books:		
High	$ 296.69	
Elementary	124.64	
		$ 421.33
Scholars: Supplies:		
High	$ 565.31	
Elementary	445.19	
		$ 1,010.50
Other Expenses of Instruction:		
High	$ 236.03	
Elementary	251.45	
		$ 487.48
Plant Service:		
Janitor Service	$ 1,084.00	
Fuel	1,116.05	
Water, light, janitor's supplies	739.89	
Minor repairs and expenses	700.71	
		$ 3,640.65
Auxiliary Agencies:		
Medical inspection and health		$ 927.22
Transportation of pupils		2,900.00
Other special activities		328.55
Fixed Charges:		
Per capita tax		$ 688.00
Insurance		200.70
Construction and Equipment:		
Land and new buildings		$ 22.10
New equipment		438.10

Debt and Interest:	
Principal, new building	$ 5,000.00
Interest, new building	2,640.00
Total expenditures	$40,704.10
Cash on hand July 30, 1939	766.01
Grand Total	$41,470.11

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct in all respects.

ETTA F. HENNESSEY, Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1939	$ 766.01
Tuition due	
Town of Dalton	789.93
Town of Randolph	7.75
Total Assets	$ 1,563.69
Excess of liabilities over assets	59,436.31
	$61,000.00

LIABILITIES

Bonds outstanding	
New building	$61,000.00
Total Liabilities	$61,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual report of District Treasurer for School District of Whitefield.

Cash on hand June 30, 1938		$ 333.79
Received from Selectmen, appropriation for current year	$39,160.95	
Received from dog tax	156.10	
Received from State Treasurer (Federal Aid)	348.29	
Received from all other sources	1,470.98	$41,136.32
Total amount available for fiscal year		$41,470.11
Less School Board Orders		40,704.10
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1939		$ 766.01

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Whitefield, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939 and find them correct in all respects.

ETTA F. HENNESSEY, Auditor.

July 18th, 1939.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Whitefield:

I hereby submit my seventh report as your Superintendent of Schools:

TEACHERS:

Three new teachers were added to our staff this year. Miss Eleanor Hunt of Rindge took the place of Marguerite Smith who resigned after several years of successful experience in our schools.

Miss Hunt is a graduate of Keene Normal, and taught last year at Jefferson. Miss Carlisle of Jefferson was elected for the Domestic Science position, She is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. Late in the summer, Miss Whitehill obtained a position in St. Johnsbury Academy, and Miss Dorothy Pierce of the same town was elected in her place.

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Several of our teachers attended summer school last year. Mr. Cotton was at Teachers College, Columbia University, Miss Hunt at Keene, and Miss Weston, Mr. Dennett, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. McKinney at New Hampshire University.

ENROLLMENT:

The total enrollment for the entire school system was 381 on February 1st. The two largest grades are the second and fifth with enrollment of 44 and 41 respectively.

REPAIRS:

Only minor repairs, needed to keep the building in good condition were made this past year. A few classrooms were repainted and the outside entrances given a fresh coat. The road was given a new coat of tar.

FINANCES:

The debt on the new building now stands at $56,000 having been reduced from the maximum of $86,000. The interest drops at the rate of $200 a year. In 1945 the payment on the principal drops to $4,000 a year.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION:

At the present day only a small proportion of our high school graduates go to liberal arts colleges. The high expense of four years in a college of this type is a serious burden. However the following may be suggested for those that wish to obtain post graduate preparation for their life work, without too great an expense: first, hospital training for the girls who wish to become nurses, second, trade schools of various types for the boys (and in this connection, both Vermont and Connecticut have excellent trade schools), and finally, commercial training for both boys and girls.

All of these give good preparation for occupations that will yield large returns for those who have the talent, and ambition to make the necessary effort.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. FULLER
Superintendent of Schools.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

February 5, 1940.

Superintendent William G. Fuller
Whitefield, New Hampshire.

DEAR SIR:

I hereby submit my report as Headmaster of Whitefield High School.

Organization

Enrollment as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Post Graduates	0	2	2
Seniors	14	12	26
Juniors	11	10	21
Sophomores	16	8	24
Freshmen	15	17	32
Eighth	11	16	27
Seventh	24	16	40
Totals	91	81	172
Number left school or transferred	4	3	7
Number now in school	87	78	165

High School tardiness 99

The High School enrollment is a trifle higher this year (103) as compared with last year (97). Our percent of attendance at the half year is 97, this would mean honor roll for Whitefield if we could continue it.

Our tardiness record is still too high and an effort is being made to remedy it.

Graduates

Seventeen graduated last June. Two entered the University of New Hampshire, one Plymouth Teachers College, one entered Notre Dame Training School, and one returned for a Post Graduate course. The others are either at work in various occupations or at home.

The Class of 1939 used the Seven Cardinal Principles of Education as a basis for their graduation program. Each Senior participated in explaining to the public how Whitefield High School was endeavoring to attain these principles through the various courses.

Building

The building is kept clean and warm by an efficient Janitor with the help of two N. Y. A. boys and the co-operation of the pupils and teachers.

Scholarship

We are attempting to maintain a high scholarship standard and yet allow students of varying degrees of ability to have a successful high school career. The best method, so far, has been the differentiated unit assignment which every teacher uses to a degree.

Many of our pupils are on the honor roll, with an average of 85 percent or over in all four subjects. Most of these pupils have to do some home work and those who are not on the honor roll should feel the necessity of some home study and preparation.

The development of a proper attitude of work and study is more important than is generally realized.

We are maintaining the grammar fundamentals by special class attention.

Three teams competed at Plymouth on Scholarship Day last May. The teams were in Spelling, Domestic Arts and History. We plan to send three teams this year too.

Practical Arts

The Domestic Arts department continues to prepare free hot lunches for approximately 40 pupils; N. Y. A., students assisting in the clean up work.

The Manual Training classes under the direction of Mr. Cleveland have been a community co-operative group with their construction of cedar chests, bleachers, tables, chairs, book cases and skating rink construction and maintenance.

Health

The school nurse and doctors have made periodic inspection of the pupils and thus try to foresee and prevent physical disabilities. Mrs. Spaulding does a splendid job in following up the physical needs of the pupils.

Extra Curricula Activities

The musical opportunities for the pupils consists of an orchestra and glee clubs. Pupils may have free instruction on musical instruments from Gardner Wentworth. Inter-community orchestral participation is one of the many rewards for faithful practice. There should be more pupils taking lessons on musical instruments.

The glee clubs, Mrs. Ralph Jones directing, have assisted in school and community activities and seem to derive much pleasure from their singing.

Last year the Boys' Basketball team won the Ammonoosuc League Championship and played in the State Tournament being defeated by the State Champions in the first game. This year the team has won all but one game and is tied with Haverhill for the league championship. There is a fine spirit of sportsmanship in the Ammonoosuc League. Coach Bartlett McKinney has three squads practicing basketball, about 41 boys in all, including the Junior High.

Miss Barbara Carlisle, girls' coach, has only 14 girls on the squad. Although the girls have been playing some fine games they have been on the short end of the score, winning 1 and losing 5.

The golf teams under Coach Douglas McIntyre enjoyed a very fine season. Winning 7 and losing 1 from the following schools: Lisbon, Bethlehem, Dow Academy, and Gorham.

The Winter Sports teams are competing in all the north country carnivals and have already won 1st at Jefferson, third at Lisbon, and 1st at Gorham.

The baseball team last spring had a successful season with Coach McKinney directing its destinies winning 5 and losing 5.

The Whitefielian, staff, and Miss Helen Weston, adviser, published a fine commencement number last June and are planning on another printed June issue. The present staff, with the assistance of Miss Letha Nelson and the Commercial department, are putting out mimeographed papers.

The debaters are working under the direction of Miss Dorothy Pierce and have entered the N. H. division of the Bates League.

The Seniors presented a very fine performance in the play "Just the Girl for Jimmie" under the direction of Miss Dorothy Pierce. They are also selling Carnival tickets as did the Senior Class last year, the 10 percent commission thus obtained going for their class trip.

The Senior Class voted to continue the plan of the last three years and have all members who wish participate in the graduation exercises. A committee is at work on the plans now.

School Spirit

The student body shows a fine school spirit in their willingness to do extra work, support their teams, maintain scholarship, assist in community activities as Memorial Day celebration and Carnival events and plays. The class officers have continued to act in an advisory way to the headmaster.

With all these activities being carried on it is easily evident that an efficient, capable staff of teachers is necessary. These we have. And without their leadership, and willing aid in these out-of-school activities as well as in the classrooms we would not be able to maintain the high standard we now have.

For the continued support and co-operation of the entire community the teachers and I are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. COTTON,
Headmaster.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and Members of the School Board:

I submit herewith my annual report as supervisor of music in the schools of Whitefield.

The schedules and program of study for vocal music follows very closely that of last year; a weekly visit is made to each of the first six grades, when the previous week's assignment is gone over, then new songs and problems are presented, to be developed during the following week under the direction of the room teacher.

In the Junior High School, two classes are held each week in each grade, one of these being a song period, the other devoted to a general music appreciation course, which is correlated with the song period as much as possible.

The Christmas program, "Thirty Minutes with Santa Claus" was given by pupils from grades 3, 4, 5, 6.

The Rhythm Band is rehearsing for an appearance at a High School assembly next month.

Weekly rehearsals are held by both the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs. The Girls' Glee Club furnished the music for the Christmas program for the Woman's Study Club, and selected members from both Boys' and Girls' Glee Club sang in the American Legion Annual Minstrel Show. Rehearsals are under way for a High School operetta to be presented in April. Both groups are anticipating contributing several numbers at the various commencement programs.

Pupils from the grades will present the annual Memorial Day program.

In conclusion, I would say that the children throughout the school seem to enjoy and appreciate their music classes. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Cotton and all the teachers whose interest and co-operation in every activity has been a great help and inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVA S. JONES,
Music Supervisor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent and Members of the Whitefield School Board:

I hereby submit my annual report of the medical inspection by Dr. Jones and Dr. Weinberg. As heretofore, the first graders and all others found with physical defects were examined by the school doctors. The remaining number up through the sixth grade are checked by the school nurse. All basket ball contestants are given a thorough check-up by the school doctors before starting practice.

With the exception of a few impetigo cases, this winter has been a healthy one.

Dr. Crampton held a tonsil clinic in June. Seventeen children underwent tonsillectomies. Dr. Weinberg performed a number of tonsillectomies operations on the school children throughout the year.

Dr. Kerr of Manchester held a T. B. clinic in May. Fourteen children were examined at this time.

A Toxoid Antitoxin clinic was held June 2.

Beginning December first hot lunches have been given children whom we thought would be benefited by them. They will continue until the first of March. These lunches are served by the Domestic Science department.

A number of children, after having their eyes examined, have found that glasses were needed. The State Board of Public Welfare has been very kind in helping to purchase some of these glasses, also the Study Club, Red Cross and Rotary have done their share in helping whenever called upon to do so.

The teachers are most co-operative in reporting any physical defects found, which is very helpful.

The following defects were found:

Vision	30	16 Corrected	
Skin	7	5 Corrected	2 improved and under treatment
Teeth	52	34 Corrected	several under treatment
Cardiac	5	4 under treatment	and improving
Adenoids and Tonsils	32	22 Corrected	

Respectfully submitted,

MARY D. SPAULDING,
School Nurse.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE WHITEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS—1938-39

School	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness	Visitors	No. of Pupils with a perfect Attendance
High	101	88.12	92.98	94.77	106	44	2
8	30	27.01	28.74	93.98	48	9	1
7	28	25.11	26.15	96.01	19	7	5
6	34	30.08	31.03	96.61	23	16	2
5	36	32.68	34.01	96.09	36	30	1
4	46	37.68	39.99	94.22	27	22	1
3	30	24.44	25.38	96.02	1	12	4
2	42	33.72	36.04	93.56	8	32	4
1	43	36.50	39.20	93.03	15	57	1
	390	335.24	331.32	93.93	273	229	21

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE
1938 - 1939

William Quimby
Roma Bishop
Rita Cloutier
Clarence Bishop
Christine Lombard
Mary Elizabeth Colby
Beverly Bishop
Evelyn Rexford
Alfrieda Byron
Theodore Ledoux
Peter Fournier

Nicholas Nigro
Albert Beaton
Katherine Cotton
Howard Audibert
Joseph Marro
John Pillsbury
Vernette L' Heureux
Everett Rexford
Gloria Couturier
Eleanor Stiles